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INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. WILLIAM BEECHER OF BOSTON GLOBE SAID CARTER ADMINISTRATION "FOR BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC REASONS, HAS DECIDED TO
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STAND PAT" WITH ITS SALT POSITION EVEN IF IT MEANS WAITING
OUT SOVIET UNION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. BEECHER SAID SENIOR
OFFICIALS SAID HOPE IS THAT DURING INTERVAL SOVIETS WILL
BECOME SUFFICIENTLY ALARMED ABOUT DANGER OF DETERIORATING
U.S.-USSR RELATIONS THAT THEY WILL NOT ONLY BECOME MORE
CONCILIATORY ON REMAINING SALT ISSUES, BUT MODERATE THEIR
ACTIVITY IN AFRICA AND AGAINST POLITICAL DISSIDENTS AT HOME.

BEECHER QUOTED RANKING ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL AS SAYING "SINCE SENATE DEBATE ON NEW SALT TREATY WON'T COME UNTIL NEXT YEAR ANYWAY, GETTING ONE IN DECEMBER WILL BE JUST AS GOOD AS IN JUNE. PRESIDENT FEELS OUR CURRENT POSITIONS ARE PRETTY FAIR. WE'LL JUST WAIT FOR RUSSIANS TO MOVE." BEECHER QUOTED SOURCES AS SAYING SOVIETS "REFUSE TO PLEDGE NOT TO INCREASE RANGE AND BOMB-LOAD OF BACKFIRE BOMBER, INSIST THAT AMERICAN STRATEGIC BOMBERS BE LIMITED TO 20 AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES EACH, AND ARGUE THAT IF U.S. WANTS NEW ICBM, IT MUST CARRY ONLY SINGLE WARHEAD LIKE ONE RUSSIANS WANT TO DEPLOY."

2. LEE LESCAZE AND MURREY MARDER OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED FROM NEW YORK ON FIVE-HOUR VANCE-GROMYKO MEETING YESTERDAY, SAYING BOTH SIDES TRIED TO PUT "BRAVE FACE ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS." POST WRITERS SAID MEETING WAS SCHEDULED HURRIEDLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF FOUR-YEAR-OLD SEARCH FOR NEW SALT ACCORD "DESPITE SOUR ENDING OF TALKS LAST SATURDAY BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND GROMYKO." VANCE AND GROMYKO TERMED THEIR NEW YORK MEETING USEFUL AND SAID THEY PLAN TO MEET AGAIN ON NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME. MARDER AND LESCAZE SAID "GROMYKO WAS GENERALLY UPBEAT ON ARMS LIMITATION DISCUSSIONS." GROMYKO SAID REMAINING UNSETTLED QUESTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN "FINALIZED," BUT HE DREW DISTINCTION BETWEEN "FINALIZING" AND NOT AGREEING AT ALL. GROMYKO SAID "BOTH UNCLASSIFIED

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SIDES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION TO BRING THEIR DISCUSSIONS TO CONCLUSION. AND IF, INDEED, TWO SIDES DO DISPLAY THAT DETERMINATION, TALKS WILL BE BROUGHT TO CONCLUSION. AND THAT IS OF EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE."

3. RICHARD BURT OF NEW YORK TIMES OBSERVED THAT GROMYKO-VANCE TALKS TOOK PLACE "AMID SIGNS THAT U.S. WAS STRETCHING OUT ITS TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETING NEW ARMS ACCORD. ALTHOUGH AMERICANS REMAIN COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT, OFFICIALS SAY THAT PERSISTING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO SIDES AND DOMESTIC FACTORS IN U.S. HAD REDUCED CHANCES OF COMPLETING NEGOTIATIONS SOON. THIS WOULD ALSO MEAN DECLINING PROSPECTS FOR MEETING THIS SUMMER BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND LEONID I. BREZHNEV, SOVIET LEADER." BURT SAID AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STAND FIRM ON LAST FEW UNRESOLVED ISSUES AND PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ONLY IF RUSSIANS MODIFIED THEIR POSITION. BURT QUOTED OFFICIALS AS EXPLAINING THAT PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THIS FIRM STANCE IS THAT ANY U.S. CONCESSIONS AT THIS STAGE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ALREADY UNCERTAIN PROSPECTS FOR SENATE APPROVAL OF NEW SALT AGREEMENT. BURT SAID WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT "IF SENATE WILL NOT

BE ABLE TO ADDRESS NEW ACCORD BEFORE NEXT YEAR, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY REAL REASON TO RUSH NEGOTIATIONS." THIS ATTITUDE, BURT SAID, IS CAUSING CONCERN AMONG STATE AND ACDA OFFICIALS "WHO CONTEND THAT FAILURE TO PUSH AHEAD COULD JEOPARDIZE CHANCES FOR ACHIEVING AN ACCORD LATER ON."

4. SYNDICATED COLUMNIST JOSEPH KRAFT, IN WASHINGTON POST, SAID SHOTS ACROSS BOW RECENTLY DELIVERED BY CARTER, MONDALE, AND BRZEZINSKI "SERVE DOUBLE PURPOSE: THEY SHOW AMERICANS THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS SOME METTLE, AND THEY WARN RUSSIANS THAT TROUBLE--SERIOUS TROUBLE--MAY BE IN OFFING. BUT CONTINUATION OF GENERALIZED, ACROSS-BOARD WARNINGS CAN ONLY CONFIRM DOUBTS OF THOSE WHO QUESTION UNCLASSIFIED

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CARTER'S RESOLUTION. WHAT IS REQUIRED NOW ARE SPECIFIC STEPS THAT MAKE RUSSIANS PAY FOR RISKS THEY HAVE BEEN TAKING." AMONG THINGS KRAFT SUGGESTED ARE ENDING LIAISON MISSION SET UP TO NORMALIZE U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS, PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR AFRICANS WHO WANT TO HELP THEMSELVES, AND HELPING "EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHO ARE PREPARED TO INTERVENE ON GROUND." KRAFT SAID "PRINCIPAL VIRTUE OF DEALING WITH RUSSIANS ON TIT-FOR-TAT BASIS IS THAT IT SAVES GREAT ENTERPRISE IN WHICH ALL OF US HAVE STAKE: STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS. INDEED, UNLESS ADMINISTRATION MOVES QUICKLY TO MEASURE-FOR-MEASURE APPROACH, SALT ITSELF COULD BE WASHED AWAY IN SELF-INDUCED, POPULAR WAVE OF ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA."

5. BARRY SCHWEID OF ASSOCIATED PRESS SAID SENATOR GEORGE MC GOVERN, CITING POLLS WHICH SHOW AMERICANS TO BE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF ARMS CONTROL MEASURES, TOLD AP "THEY DON'T LIKE WHAT IS GOING ON IN AFRICA BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO BLOCK SALT AGREEMENT." MC GOVERN SAID HE THINKS CARTER, VANCE, AND WARNKE "ARE COMMITTED IN THEIR MINDS" TO COMPLETING SALT TREATY. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "I THINK WE'VE GOT DIVIDED ADMINISTRATION ON RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF AFRICA AS IT RELATES TO SALT." BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN, ATTENDING NATO CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, URGED THAT CUBAN AND SOVIET ACTIVITY IN AFRICA NOT BE PERMITTED TO INTERFERE WITH SALT AGREEMENT. VANCE

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